



Partners in Faith

November 2020

St Paul Lutheran Church in
Phillipsburg
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

FILLED BOXES DUE NOVEMBER 8

1. Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a child.
2. Select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal to bless a child.
3. Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
4. Pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo if you wish.
5. Include a \$9 check to cover shipping and other project costs.
6. Leave your completed shoebox at the back of either church! We have brochures at both congregations if you have questions.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: IMPORTANT UPDATES

Instructions and Information for our November Services

- *A volunteer will be outside the church doors / FLC doors to check your forehead temperature as you arrive each Sunday.
- *Wear your mask as you enter and leave worship. We prefer that you wear it throughout the service if possible. We have extra masks if needed.
- *Sanitize your hands as you enter the sanctuary (sanitizer provided)
- *Pick up your bulletin and communion kit as you enter. You do not need to bring your own communion if you are worshipping in the sanctuary or FLC.
- *Leave your offering on your way in or way out.
- *Share the Peace with a wave or peace sign!
- *You may sit with family or others that you are seeing regularly. Otherwise, space yourselves from others. Pews are marked so you will be 6-10 feet apart.
- *Remember that the short range radio broadcast will still be happening at each church, if you prefer to stay in your car. Bulletins will be outside for you.
- *At St James – Last name A-L will be in the sanctuary, and M-Z will be in the FLC and will change every two weeks. Signs outside the sanctuary and FLC indicate seatings. If your family is divided up (for example, Dannhaus & Thayne), you can choose to be together in one place. We will rotate back and forth every two weeks. The service is being videoed into the Family Life Center. If you are not feeling well, please stay in your car.
- *At St. Paul everyone can be inside the sanctuary or outside.
- *We are continuing our services on KWHI 1280AM and 101.7FM at 4:30pm. Services can also be streamed live on the KWHI app and online—<https://kwhi.com/>. Also note that sermons are available for a couple months on our website: www.sjsplutheran.org/sermons.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

9am at St Paul + still broadcasting to cars

10:30am at St James + still broadcasting to cars + video into FLC

November 1—All Saints Sunday

At St James—11/1, 11/22, 11/29—A-L in sanctuary, M-Z in FLC

11/8, 11/15. 12/6, 12/13—opposite

Wednesday, November 25

Shared Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:00pm St. Paul

This year, we will not gather afterwards for treats
and fellowship.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 7PM

Our Wednesday bible study / book club group is continuing on Zoom. If you are looking for a small group to discuss faith and life, this is a great fit for you. Anyone is welcome to join.

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/983234326>

Meeting ID: 983 234 326

Call In Option: Dial 1-346-248-7799, add code 983234326#

Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



A Paradox Faith

For a new convert to Christianity, faith can be a little confusing.

We're sinners and saints? We're lost and we're found? We're broken and holy?

In fact, Luther wrote at the Reformation's outset that *"A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is also a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all."* Say what, Martin?

The paradoxes of faith pile up quickly:

Consider the backwards beatitudes, where the meek inherit the earth, the poor are given the kingdom of God, the mourning are comforted, and the hungry are filled. We hear these this month at All Saints.

Consider the shocking behavior of Jesus on the cross, where any image of God as vengeful is confounded by this pierced savior forgiving those who are killing him *and* offering mercy to an actual criminal by his side.

Consider that the American way leans toward private, "I can take of myself" independence, while the church proclaims that grace and love and forgiveness and mercy are most fully comprehended in community.

Consider the "paradox of the incarnation" – the invisible, all-powerful God comes to us as vulnerable flesh and bone, hungry and sweating.

We are paradox people. And I love it.

I spend most days amazed at the fact that the Christian church has been chewing on the same parables and narratives for 2000 years, and they still ignite our engagement and curiosity and wonder. For me, it comes from the paradoxes woven into tales like the prodigal son, or the choice of mistake-riddled Peter as the rock of the infant church, or the paradoxical "good news" of the cross.

Our own Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton notes that God calls the ELCA to be a "both and" church in an "either or" world. This is the gift of being paradox people. We are able to hold in tension the struggles of the everyday with the often surprising and wonder-inducing work of God in the world.

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Paradox people understand that all humans are just like Peter—nearly sanctified and nearly putting our foot in our mouth with every other sentence. Just like *Petros* we are given a vocation by God, even though we are full of faults. But by leaning into the paradoxes of God, we listen and ask more questions rather than assuming we know everything there is to know. We are drawn into the mysteries of God.

One final paradox, from Matthew 10 (*the message translation*) “If your first concern is to look after yourself, you’ll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you’ll find both yourself and me.”

As Jesus teaches, abundant life and faith are found in the tension of paradox.

PASTOR EVAN 

Christmas Eve—Worship Times

We currently plan to keep our same schedule as last year, but as we expect larger crowds for Christmas Eve, we are anticipating outdoor services. We hope to still do candles and carols—and hopefully we’ll feel more closer to the outdoor manger and shepherd’s fields than ever before!

St Paul—5pm, same space where we gathered in the summer

St James—6:30pm, likely behind the FLC

KWHI Services ongoing

On November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, we will continue our Sunday 4:30pm worship on KWHI, both AM (1280) and FM (101.7).

Councils have elected to continue this ministry into 2021.

Services can also be streamed live on the KWHI app and online—<https://kwhi.com/>

Also: please note that all sermons are available for a couple months on our website: www.sjsplutheran.org/sermons

ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

ALL SAINTS DAY will be November 1st. We will have candles available to be lit in memory of loved ones in both the church and FLC. You are invited to bring a photo of a loved one to place in either building during worship. We will remember the following who have passed away since the 2019 All Saints Day:

William Dierking, Jr.

Ellen Henske

CHRISTMAS EVE PLANNING

All those who help with our Christmas Eve service are invited to gather after worship on Sunday, Nov. 8th, at the FLC front porch (or inside if weather is bad) to help organize plans for this year.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- Adopted “A Shared Ministry Covenant” between St. Paul and St. James.
- Accepted contract bids and adopted 2021 Budget.
- Acknowledged that the additional property for the cemetery was given by Family of Willie, Jr. and Pearlie Dierking.
- Moved to change the Endowment Committee By Laws from 6 to 7 members. Megan Bartay was approved to serve on the committee.
- Heard update on the church cemetery pavilion.
- 2021 Church Council will be Kamie Krueger-President, Jessica Thayne-Secretary, Becky Winkelmann-Treasurer, Kate Buenger-Assistant Treasurer, David Bartay-Building & Grounds, Joe Tallerine –Shared Ministry Representative.
- The Vice President position is vacant.

2021 FLOWER CHART

The St. James Flower Chart for 2021 is on the bulletin board in the back of sanctuary. You can now sign up for flowers for the next year.

ST. JAMES POINSETTIA SIGN-UP

We have ordered poinsettia for Christmas. Cost is \$12.50 each. Watch for sign-up sheets soon.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS We'll soon be looking again for help with flowers, reading, and ushering. Contact Tanya if you are interested in reading and sign up for flowers on the chart in the back of the church.

ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES



Cathy Norman passed away on October 7th less than a year since the death of her husband Bill. Our sympathy and prayers to their only child, Trey. Trey, his wife Sheila and their daughter Gemma Rain live in Corpus Christi where Cathy spent her final days under hospice care. Visitation was held at Memorial Oaks Chapel on October 12th. Burial followed Tuesday, October 13th in Canton, TX

2020 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for **November 15th** after our 9am worship. There will be an election of officers and voting on the 2021 budget. Please plan on attending.

POINSETTIAS can be purchased for \$11 to adorn the chancel area for Christmas. The signup sheet can be found at the back of the church or call Dorothy Wellmann @ 979-277-2220. Please note if you'd like in memory or honor of someone.

FLOWER CHART for 2021 will be posted soon. Sign up for your floral donations and make note if they're in memory or honor of someone special.

CONGRATS to our Austin county Fair exhibitors:

Jaylen Tesch showed and made the sale with her halter heifer

Cole Tesch showed and made the sale with his halter heifer

Trey Mikeska showed swine and made the sale with one

Kinley Kokemor showed a pen of heifers and made the sale; she also participated in the Beef-a-Thon and placed 2nd in the Junior Division

SEEKING BIDS for 2021 on...

- 1) cleaning of Church/Fellowship Hall
- 2) church grounds lawn care
- 3) cemetery care

Bid forms can be found at the back of the church or contact Florence at 979-836-3983.

WELCA items to be collected in November...

BREAD PARTNER is any canned fruits, vegetable, meat or soup-NO bagged items

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, PERSONAL CARE KIT items needed are:

27x52 dark bath towels, bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs, metal nail clippers

November 2020

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
1 St. Paul—9:00am Inside & Outside St. James— 10:30am Inside & Outside Confirmation-11:30am St James 4:30pm KHVI Radio Service	2	3	4 Zoom Bible
8 St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. James— 10:30am I/O SJ Christmas Eve Mtg 11:30a 4:30pm KHVI Radio Service	9	10	11 Zoom Bible
15 St. Paul—9:00am I/O St. Paul Semi-Annual Meeting St. James— 10:30am I/O Confirmation 11:30am St James 4:30pm KHVI Radio Service	16 Leadership Night—both church councils, at St Paul 6:30pm start.	17	18 Zoom Bible
22 St. Paul—9:00am Inside & Outside St. James— 10:30am Inside & Outside 4:30pm KHVI Radio Service	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING Worship 6:00am **We will have a special service ward No Zoom gathering
29 ADVENT BEGINS St. Paul—9:00am Inside & Outside St. James— 10:30am Inside & Outside 4:30pm KHVI Radio Service	30		

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
e Study—7pm	5	6	7
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GIVING EVE 00pm at St. Paul not gather after- athering	26	27	28

St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Reader	Jessie Kokemor	Dorothy Wellmann	Anna Breddin	Brenda Blum	Venetia Schiller
Organist	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford	Beth Appel	Donna Lankford	Donna Lankford
Ushers	Mark/Venetia Schiller, Carl/Carey Kokemor	Donnie/Laurece Maresh, Charlie/JoAnn Johnson	Lonnie/Barbara Tegeler, Jessie Kokemor	Ed/Anna Breddin, Sandra Schwenke	BJ/Stephanie Mikeska, Florence Klehm
Altar Guild	Deanna & Sandra	Ruth & Florence	Ruth & Florence	Dorothy W & Sherry	Cheryl & Lori
Altar Flowers	Wellmann in memory of Henry, Jr & Hilda Wellmann	Dorothy Tesch in memory of AG	C Gardiner in memory of her & Bill's anniversary	Brad & Donna Lankford	Jessie Kokemor in memory of Edwin/Lillie Kokemor

St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Reader	Betty Bowden	Kay Sander	Joan Buenger	Jodie McReynolds	
Organist	Cheryl Buenger	Phyllis Weiss	Cheryl Buenger	Phyllis Weiss	Cheryl Buenger
Altar Flowers	Jackie & Betty Bowden	Olan & Sylvia Ashorn			Art & Laverne Remmert 61st Wedding Anniversary
Ushers + Greeters	Lori & Rusty Bush, Arin & Charles Cafero, Rhonda Craigen, Brooke & Marc Dierking, Patrick & Melissa Draehn				
Council	Knellen Quinteros				

The Life and Times of Shared Ministry

Congrats to Lily Koehn who received her first communion on Sunday, 10/25. Our shared ministry joined St. Paul's Brenham for a first communion retreat earlier in October.

We hope it was a good first step in potentially partnering with them for youth activities or other events!



A special thanks to Allison, Ross, Gary, and Craig for joining us at our annual polka service!



Council Notes

St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Council met on 10/19 . Deanna, Jessie, Florence, Lenny, Ruth, Carey and Vernice were present with Anna calling the meeting to order. Pastor Evan opened with a prayer and highlighted his written report.

- Minutes were approved as read
- Deanna handed out her financial spreadsheet
- Jessie presented the treasurers report
- Proposed budget was reviewed w/\$200 added for Lutherhill then approved to present the proposed \$96,750 budget for 2021
- No Advent covered dish this year on first Sunday of December
- Council moved to present the Shared Ministry Covenant
- Ruth and Ed Breddin will audit the books prior to semi annual meeting
- Next meeting is November 16th at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's

Respectfully submitted, Vernice Kokemor

St. Paul Council

Jason Kiemsteadt, *President*

Anna Breddin, *VP*

Vernice Kokemor, *Secretary*

Jessie Kokemor, *Treasurer*

Deanna Callahan,
Financial Secretary

Carey Kokemor, *Parish Ed*

Ruth Lehmann, *Memorials*

Florence Klehm, *Bldg / Grounds*

Lenny Krause, *At-Large*

St. James New Wehdem Council

Met on Oct. 19. President Knellen Quinteros called the meeting to order. Also present: Becky Winkelmann, David Bartay, Joe Tallerine, Kamie Krueger and Janice Hanath.

- Discussed the possibilities for Christmas Eve Service
- Will continue radio ministry.
- Confirmation will meet in person on Sundays after church service.
- Cemetery pavilion construction will begin soon.
- Rest of the meeting was spent preparing the sanctuary and FLC for in person church service.

Next meeting on November 16 @ 6:30 at St. James.

St. James Council

Knellen Quinteros, *President*

Kamie Krueger, *VP*

Janice Hanath, *Secretary*

Linda Tiemann, *Treasurer*

Becky Winkelmann, *Asst.
Treasurer*

David Bartay
Bldg / Grounds

Joe Tallerine, *At-Large*

WHERE DOES OUR CHURCH ELCA MISSION SUPPORT OFFERING GO?

- **Growing the ELCA in the United States**
25% plants and supports 357 new congregations
- **Grow the Lutheran Church around the world**
18% sends 230 missionaries to more than 48 countries and more than 84 Young Adults in Global Mission in 11 country programs
- **Churchwide ministries**
16% maintains constituent database of rostered and lay leaders, members, donors, congregations
- **Current/future leaders in the ELCA**
15% recruits and prepares future church leaders, and implements a system for the assignment of our 9900 rostered ministers
- **Technology and communications**
8% designs and maintains communication tools
- **Governance and leadership**
5% coordinates meetings and support for 65 synodical bishops
- **Financial resources**
5% develops and promotes stewardship education
- **Justice**
4% supports social ministry organizations which impact the lives of 1 in 50 Americans
- **Research and strategic planning**
2% improves mission/ministry in the 21st century
- **Ecumenical/interfaith relationships**
2% facilitates dialogue and common action among communities of other faiths

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St Paul 9:00am

St. James 10:30am

Nov 1 | All Saints Sunday
Micah 3:5-12, Ps 43, 1 Thes 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12
Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, as Jesus teaches his Beatitudes

Nov 8 | Time after Pentecost
Amos 5:18-24, Ps 70, 1 Thes 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13
Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory.

Nov 15 | Time after Pentecost
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Ps. 90, 1 Thes 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30
In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ.

Nov 22 | Christ the King
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps 95, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46
Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Nov 29 | Advent
Is 64:1-9, Ps 80, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37
We can share the hope of God to save and restore.

Bread Partners Item in November

St. James: Pasta (leave in back of sanctuary).
Thanks to all for your donations!

St. Paul: Any canned item (drop off at church) - goal of 50 items!

Prayer Concerns

St. Paul Members: Wilfred Neumann, Otto & Dorothy Krause, Austin Schiller, Jean Thompson, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett

St. James Members: Fredericka DeBerry, Larry Dierking, Sally Dierking, Laura Fieseler, Janet Mills, Elsie Pieper, Ronnie Schaper, Floreen Schulze, Erlene Sommerfeld, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Treyce Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke, Lee Roy Winkelmann

Family and Friends: Pat Stelter, Leonard, Jamie Stokes, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Ronnie Haevischer, Shannon Wellmann, Shelly Richard, David Kiemsteadt, Marilyn Petrich, Hank Duvall, Jeri Bentke, Lorri Morris, Winston Dietrich, Alton Jacobs, Gladys Oakley, Della & Briley Jasinski, Pam Bothe, Thomas Brinkmeyer, Byron Peach, Donald Sander, Misty Zingelmann, Gerald Beausoleil

Military: Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

Sympathies to:

The Family of Cathy Norman

The Family of Johnny Hardin (*brother-in-law of Weldon & Peggy Emshoff*)

We pray especially for all nurses, therapists, doctors, chaplains, techs, and all staff in health care centers and emergency settings.

Give them chances for rest amidst the crisis.

We pray too for all who have been asked to take leave from work, or who have lost jobs.



ST PAUL

11-12-88 Robert&Lori Reichwein
11-13-65 Nelson&Dorothy Wellmann

ST JAMES

11-1 Charlie & Nancy Sommer
11-5 Brett & Krista Sander
11-7 Stephen & Wendy Loesch
11-8 Kyle & Megan Freitag
11-10 John & Brianna Hohlt
11-12 Wm & Maggie Moyers
11-24 Weldon & Peggy Emshoff
11-27 Art & Laverne Remmert
11-27 Chris & Kim Wade

ST PAUL

01 Karen Klehm
01 Deanna Callahan
02 Trish Surovik
02 Phoebe Ritch
06 Austin Schiller
08 Carl Kokemor
08 Robert Reichwein
08 Nelson Wellmann
09 Stephanie Mikeska
17 Brad Lankford
18 Dorothy Wellmann
28 Joy Sorensen

ST JAMES

11-1 Wade McCrae
11-3 Brianna Hohlt
11-4 Sarah Buenger
11-5 Florence Rinn
11-6 Bradley Lorenz
11-10 Sharon Winkelmann

11-11 Carol Johnson
11-11 Amy Winkelmann
11-13 Rubie Wright
11-15 Creed Luetge
11-17 Donnie Henske
11-19 Ronny Schaper
11-21 Kristy Collier
11-22 Harold Hohlt
11-22 Myrna Siemsglusz
11-23 Margaret Schneider
11-25 Jacob Bland
11-25 Brooke Schrader
11-26 Palmer Dierking
11-27 Colin Goeke
11-28 Fredericka DeBerry
11-29 Jack Mingori
11-29 Knellen Quinteros
11-29 Sandra Teufel

SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers *all the members of St. Paul and St. James*

Donna Lankford donna@sjsplutheran.org (St Paul)
Donna's Cell: 713-816-6980

Tanya Rosenbaum tanya@sjsplutheran.org (St James), in office
Wed and Thur 8-2p

Pastor Evan Cameron pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org
Pastor Office Hours: Tuesday 9a-12p at St. Paul
Mon & Wed: 9am -12:30pm at St. James

St Paul Office: use Donna's cell above
St. James Office: 979-836-2795
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Welcome to worship!

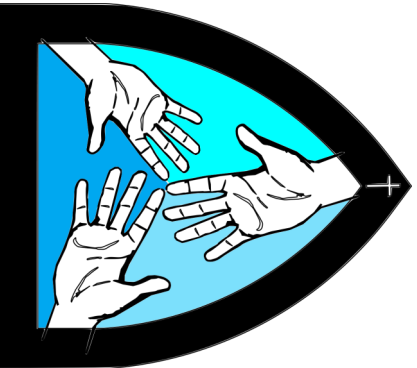
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9am at St Paul

10:30am at St James

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